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TUCSON MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR MURDER OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- José de Jesus Rivera, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, announced today that FREDDIE TAYLOR a resident of Tucson, was sentenced to life in prison by United States District Court Judge John M. Roll. TAYLOR was convicted of the murder of a confidential informant for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

At trial, it was established that, on January 22, 1998, Terile Williams, distributed a quantity of cocaine to Alzinnia Keyes. At that time, Keyes was working as a confidential informant for the DEA. On January 23, 1998, Terile Williams was arrested by DEA agents for selling the cocaine to Keyes. On March 12, 1998, in an effort to undermine prosecution of Terile Williams on the drug charges, the defendant drove to 2304 E. Monterey Vista, in Tucson, Arizona, with the intent to murder Alzinnia Keyes. Keyes was shot in front of ten people when 6 rounds were fired from a nine millimeter gun. Alzinnia Keyes died on March 24, 1998, as a result of those injuries.

The investigation that led to the successful prosecution was conducted by officers from the Tucson Police Department and agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution was handled by Sean Chapman and Jesse Figueroa, Assistant United States Attorneys, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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